

**APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR INTERACTING
WITH PRINTED MATERIALS**

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An apparatus for interacting with printed material includes machine
5 readable code added to printed material. The machine readable code is directed
to additional information related to printed material. A scanner for reading the
machine readable code is connected to an electronic appliance for retrieving and
displaying the additional information. The electronic appliance is connected to a
10 local information source/database or a remote information source/database, such
as the Internet. The Internet, for example, contains the additional information to
which machine readable code points. In a preferred embodiment, a printer is
connected to the electronic appliance so that additional information may be
retrieved and reviewed. In another preferred embodiment, audio information is
15 accessed thereby enhancing the interactive nature of Braille books and/or hard
and soft cover books.

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